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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, OMA

SUBJECT : Communications Capability to Meet Upcoming Requirements

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1. In the IDXALIST program at present, we have a capability to support [] and a single staging capability from []. In addition, there is a very limited capability for supporting tests provided they are of short duration. As an example of the minimum capability that now exists:

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2. When personnel rotated from [] to [], a system ill technician was borrowed from [] as the only man available was restricted by an ulcer.

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3. No radio operators are on our present T/O so these were borrowed from the Office of Communications for [].

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4. The cryptographer was furnished "out of the hide" from Headquarters Signal Center as [] must remain open for traffic.

This points out the fact that only by playing checkerboard can we support even one staging over an extended period.

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5. With the present T/O, we cannot support an [] base in addition to a staging capability at []. Lead time required for recruitment, processing, and training is from 5 to 6 months after the Office of Communications receives a positive requirement backed with permission to recruit. This also assumes they can find the personnel with the proper qualifications. It looks grim, to say the least.

6. We cannot support the OACANT program in overseas bases with the personnel we now have. Recruitment for these also require five months to a year for qualified personnel. Therefore, it is impossible to support an operation overseas in April as the operations planning indicates. Unless the decision is made to recruit now, we will not have a capability to meet the September operations date. Before the Office of Communications

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can recruit against our requirements, they must be assured by the Comptroller that funds are available for this purpose.

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